IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KENICHI HAYASHI ET AL.	: Examiner: Leslie A. Nicholson III
	: Group Art Unit: 3651
Application No.: 10/789,985)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION OF SWORN TRANSLATION

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and the attached sworn translation of the priority document.